Character Traits

mean
barbarous
brutal
cold-hearted
cruel
heartless
insensitive
malevolent
malicious
ruthless
uncaring
unkind
vicious

moral
chaste
ethical
noble
principled
pure
righteous
virtuous

negative
critical
cynical
defeated
hopeless
pessimistic
sarcastic

outgoing
convivial
extroverted
gregarious
personable
sociable
social
unreserved

polite
affable
civil
cordial
courteous
gracious
respectful

positive
cheerful
hopeful
idealistic
optimistic
sanguine

practical
level-headed
logical
pragmatic
rational
realistic
reasonable
sensible

prideful
arrogant
boastful
conceited
egotistical
haughty
narcissistic
pompous
smug
vain

respectable
admirable
honorable
laudable
praiseworthy
reputable
upright

responsible
conscientious
dependable
dutiful
mature
reliable
trustworthy

revengeful
malicious
punitive
retaliatory
spiteful
vengeful
vindictive

rude
boorish
churlish
discourteous
disrespectful
impertinent
impolite
impudent
inconsiderate
insolent
surly
uncivil

selfish
egocentric
greedy
miserly
parsimonious
self-centered
stingy

serious
austere
humorless
intense
solemn
somber
stern

silly
childish
clownish
immature
nonsensical
senseless

smart
bookish
bright
brilliant
clever
ingenious
intellectual
intelligent
knowledgeable
quick-witted
sharp

strange
awkward
bizarre
eccentric
mysterious
odd
outlandish
peculiar
unusual
weird

stubborn
hardheaded
headstrong
obstinate
persistent
stiff-necked
strong-willed
willful

stupid
brainless
foolish
idiotic
imbecilic
mindless
moronic
simple
unintelligent
witless

talented
accomplished
adept
artistic
brilliant
experienced
expert
gifted
ingenious
skilled
skillful

tricky
conniving
crafty
cunning
devious
mischievous
scheming
shrewd
sly
sneaky
wily

uncaring
apathetic
callous
cold
heartless
indifferent
insensitive
unsympathetic

understanding
accepting
empathetic
perceptive
sensitive
sympathetic

unforgiving
begrudging
bitter
embittered
merciless
resentful

unsocial
introverted
reclusive
reserved
solitary
standoffish
unsociable
withdrawn

wise
discerning
enlightened
insightful
judicious
perceptive
prudent
sagacious

Character Traits

Zzzzz Boring: The nurse was nice to her patient.
Interesting: The tender and compassionate nurse never left her patient's side.

bossy
aggressive
controlling
demanding
domineering
forceful
intimidating
overbearing
tyrannical

brave
adventurous
audacious
bold
chivalrous
courageous
daring
dauntless
fearless
gallant
heroic
knightly
valiant
valorous

cowardly
fearful
gutless
passive
spineless
timid
weak

crazy
demented
disturbed
insane
lunatic
maniacal

creative
artistic
clever
gifted
imaginative
ingenious
innovative
inspired
inventive
original
unique

determined
driven
persevering
persistent
steadfast

dishonest
corrupt
deceitful
deceptive
devious
disingenuous
untruthful

disobedient
defiant
insubordinate
lawless
rebellious
undisciplined
unmanageable
unruly

driven
industrious
sedulous
studious

energetic
active
animated
enthusiastic
high-spirited
lively
sprightly
vivacious

enthusiastic
ardent
eager
earnest
excited
exuberant
passionate
zealous

evil
corrupt
fiendish
hateful
immoral
monstrous
sinful
sinister
vile
wicked

forgiving
gracious
magnanimous
merciful

friendly
affable
amiable
amicable
congenial
convivial
cordial
genial
good-natured
warm

fun
amusing
convivial
enjoyable
entertaining
exciting
imaginative
lively
playful

funny
amusing
comical
entertaining
hilarious
humorous
hysterical
witty

generous
benevolent
charitable
magnanimous
noble
selfless
self-sacrificing
unselfish

hard-working
ambitious
assiduous
diligent

honest
honorable
forthright
sincere
straightforward
trustworthy
truthful

hostile
aggressive
antagonistic
argumentative
belligerent
combative
contentious
pugnacious
quarrelsome

humble
meek
modest
self-effacing

irresponsible
careless
flighty
forgetful
inattentive
undependable
unreliable
untrustworthy

jealous
covetous
envious
green-eyed
possessive

kind
caring
compassionate
considerate
courteous
gentle
gracious
loving
soft-hearted
sweet
sympathetic
tender
thoughtful
warm

lazy
heavy-footed
idle
indolent
languorous
slothful
slow-moving
unmotivated

loyal
committed
dedicated
devoted
faithful
steadfast

Emotions / Feelings

Z-Z-Z-Z-Z *Boring:* The singer on the stage was scared.
Interesting: Trembling in terror, the panic-stricken singer stood frozen on stage.

afraid
aghast
alarmed
apprehensive
blanched
cowardly
cowed
daunted
disheartened
dismayed
distressed
faint-hearted
fearful
frightened
frozen
horrified
intimidated
panicked
panicky
panic-stricken
petrified
rattled
scared
shaken
shocked
spooked
startled
stunned
terrified
terror-stricken
trembling

angry
boiling
cross
enraged
fiery
fuming
furious
heated
incensed
indignant
inflamed
infuriated
irate
maddened
outraged
provoked
rabid
raging
riled
vexed
wrathful

annoyed
agitated
bothered
crabby
cranky
disgruntled
displeased
dissatisfied
frustrated
grouchy
grumpy
ill-tempered
irritable
irritated
moody
peeved
peevish
petulant
sulky
sullen
temperamental
vexed

ashamed
apologetic
contrite
disappointed
mournful
penitent
regretful
remorseful
repentant
rueful
sorrowful
sorry

calm
harmonious
mellow
peaceful
placid
quiescent
quiet
relaxed
reposeful
restful
serene
soothing
still
stormless
tranquil
undisturbed
unruffled
waveless
windless

confused
abashed
addled
baffled
befuddled
bewildered
confounded
dazed
disconcerted
disoriented
distracted
dizzy
flummoxed
flustered
muddled
mystified
perplexed
puzzled
stumped
unglued

disappointed
disconcerted
discontented
discouraged
disenchanted
disgruntled
disheartened
disillusioned
dissatisfied
downhearted
embittered
frustrated
resentful
saddened
thwarted
ungratified
unsatisfied
vanquished

embarrassed
abashed
ashamed
chagrined
disconcerted
disgraced
humbled
humiliated
mortified
shamed

excited
agitated
animated

Emotions / Feelings

aroused
awakened
charged
delighted
eager
emotional
enthusiastic
feverish
hyper
hysterical
jumpy
lively
passionate
stirred
thrilled
wild

happy
blessed
blissful
blithe
cheerful
cheery
chipper
chirpy
content
contented
convivial
delighted
ecstatic
elated
exultant
gleeful
gratified
jolly
joyful
joyous
jubilant
lighthearted
merry
mirthful
overjoyed
peppy
perky
playful
pleasant
pleased
sunny
thrilled
upbeat

lonely
disconsolate
forlorn
forsaken
isolated
lonesome
reclusive
rejected
secluded
solitary
unsocial
withdrawn

nervous
anxious
apprehensive
concerned
distressed
flustered
high-strung
jittery
jumpy
nervy
restless
skittish
tense
uneasy
uptight
worried

proud
contented
dignified
gratified
honored
pleased
satisfied

sad
bereaved
brokenhearted
crestfallen
crushed
dejected
depressed
despairing
despondent
devastated
disconsolate
dismal
doleful
downcast
forlorn
gloomy
glum
grief-stricken
grieved
heartbroken
heartsick
heartsore
heavy-hearted
inconsolable
languishing
low-spirited
lugubrious
melancholy
miserable
morose
mournful
somber
sorrowful
troubled
weeping
wistful

shy
bashful
cautious
coy
demure
humble
introverted
meek
modest
mousy
quiet
rabbity
reserved
reticent
self-conscious
sheepish
skittish
timid
unassertive

surprised
agape
aghast
amazed
astonished
astounded
awestruck
dumbfounded
dumbstruck
flabbergasted
floored
overwhelmed
shocked
speechless
staggered
startled
stunned
thrown
thunderstruck

upset
agitated
bothered
disconcerted
dismayed
disquieted
distraught
distressed
disturbed
stressed
troubled
unglued
unsettled
worried

–ly Adverbs

Z-Z-Z-Z-Z *Boring:* He backed away from the growling dog.

Interesting: Slowly and carefully, he backed away from the growling dog.

angrily
bitterly
coldly
furiously
indignantly
sharply

apparently
allegedly
evidently
incidentally
seemingly

beautifully
alluringly
charmingly
daintily
delicately
elegantly
enchantingly
exquisitely
glamorously
gracefully
majestically
radiantly
stunningly

bravely
adventurously
audaciously
boldly
courageously
daringly
fearlessly
gallantly
heroically
valiantly

calmly
harmoniously
peacefully
placidly
serenely
soothingly
tranquilly

carefully
attentively
cautiously
conscientiously
gingerly
mindfully
prudently
vigilantly
warily
watchfully

casually
aimlessly
informally
nonchalantly
offhandedly
unceremoniously

certainly
clearly
naturally
obviously
surely
undeniably
undoubtedly
unmistakably
unquestionably

clumsily
absentmindedly
accidentally
awkwardly
carelessly
ungracefully

continually
ceaselessly
constantly
continuously
endlessly
eternally
incessantly
perpetually
persistently
relentlessly

creatively
artistically
cleverly
imaginatively

cruelly
brutally
malevolently
maliciously
ruthlessly
savagely
viciously
wickedly

dramatically
charismatically
emotionally
melodramatically
suspensefully
theatrically

easily
coolly
effortlessly
freely
simply
skillfully
smoothly

enthusiastically
ardently
eagerly
energetically
excitedly
passionately
zealously

fearfully
alarmedly
apprehensively
cowardly
frantically
tremblingly

finally
conclusively
decisively
eventually
lastly
ultimately

gently
delicately
faintly
meekly
mildly
softly
sweetly
tenderly

happily
cheerfully
contentedly
ecstatically
joyfully
merrily

hesitantly
dubiously
falteringly
haltingly
indecisively
irresolutely
reluctantly
skeptically
tentatively
uncertainly

honestly
admittedly
frankly
genuinely
sincerely
truly
truthfully
veraciously

humorously
amusingly
comically
jokingly
playfully

initially
firstly
originally
primarily

-ly Adverbs

intelligently
brilliantly
cleverly
ingeniously

kindly
affectionately
compassionately
fondly
graciously
lovingly
sweetly

loudly
boisterously
clamorously
deafeningly
noisily
piercingly
riotously
shrilly
thunderously
uproariously

luckily
auspiciously
favorably
fortunately
happily
opportunely
prosperously

nervously
anxiously
apprehensively
restlessly
shakily
skittishly
worriedly

occasionally
irregularly
periodically
sporadically

politely
affably
cordially
courteously
graciously
respectfully
tactfully

powerfully
forcefully
intensely
mightily
strongly
vigorously
violently

pridefully
arrogantly
boastfully
egotistically
haughtily
pompously
smugly

purposely
consciously
deliberately
intentionally
knowingly
voluntarily
willfully

quickly
briskly
busily
hastily
hurriedly
impatiently
speedily
swiftly

quietly
breathlessly
gently
inconspicuously
noiselessly
silently

regularly
commonly
faithfully
frequently
generally
habitually
invariably
normally
ordinarily
periodically
repeatedly
steadily
systematically
tirelessly
typically
unchangingly
usually

rudely
churlishly
disrespectfully
harshly
impertinently
impolitely
impudently
inconsiderately
insolently

sadly
cheerlessly
dejectedly
despondently
dismally
dolefully
mournfully
sorrowfully
tragically
unfortunately
unhappily
wistfully

shyly
bashfully
humbly
modestly
sheepishly
skittishly
timidly

slowly
casually
eventually
gradually
hesitantly
lazily
patiently
sluggishly

sneakily
cunningly
deviously
secretly
slyly
stealthily
surreptitiously
suspiciously

strangely
magically
miraculously
mysteriously
oddly
supernaturally

stupidly
foolishly
indolently
mindlessly
moronically
obnoxiously

suddenly
abruptly
immediately
instantly
startlingly
unexpectedly

surprisingly
actually
amazingly
astonishingly
incredibly
interestingly
ironically
remarkably
shockingly
unbelievably
unknowingly
unpredictably

tiredly
exhaustedly
drowsily
sleepily
weakly
wearily

wildly
ferociously
fiercely
passionately
recklessly
roughly
viciously

wisely
discerningly
judiciously
perceptively
prudently
sagaciously

Essay Verbs for Writing About...

Z-Z-Z-Z-Z Boring: The article "Butterflies" is about the migration habits of butterflies.
Interesting: **The article "Butterflies" investigates the migration habits of butterflies.**

Characters

attempts	determines	experiences	learns	strives
battles	discovers	faces	realizes	struggles
competes	encounters	figures out	recognizes	undergoes
copes	endeavors	finds out	seeks	understands
deals with	endures	grapples with	sets out	undertakes

Compare/Contrast Texts

analyzes	contrasts	emphasizes	explores	identifies
classifies	considers	examines	focuses on	presents
compares	deals with	explains	highlights	points out

Descriptions

depicts	describes	illustrates	portrays	presents

Informational/Expository Texts

analyzes	defines	explores	identifies	provides
answers	describes	features	informs	reports
classifies	examines	focuses on	investigates	reveals
deals with	explains	highlights	presents	traces

Messages/Lessons

advises	expresses	illustrates	reminds	stresses
demonstrates	focuses on	implies	reveals	suggests
emphasizes	illuminates	points out	shows	teaches

Narrative Stories

chronicles	describes	follows	presents	retells
deals with	details	illustrates	recounts	tells about
depicts	explores	narrates	relates	traces

Persuasive Texts

addresses	contends	discourages	exposes	reasons
advises	convinces	disputes	focuses on	recommends
argues	criticizes	emphasizes	insists	refutes
asserts	deals with	encourages	points out	rejects
claims	defends	evaluates	praises	suggests
confronts	denies	examines	proposes	supports

"Said" Synonyms

Zzzzz Boring: "I don't want to go," she said.
Interesting: "I don't want to go!" she whimpered.

agreed
acknowledged
assented
conceded
concurred
consented
seconded

animal sounds
barked
chirped
croaked
crowed
growled
hissed
howled
panted
roared
snarled
squawked
squeaked
yapped
yelped

answered
reacted
remarked
replied
responded
retorted
returned

argued
bickered
contended
contested
contradicted
countered
debated
denied
disagreed
disputed
objected
opposed
protested
quarreled
quibbled
squabbled

asked
challenged
grilled
inquired
interrogated
pried
probed
queried
questioned
quizzed
requested

begged
beseeched
entreated
implored
petitioned
pleaded
prayed
pressed
requested
urged

blamed
accused
alleged
attacked
charged
claimed
rebuked
reproved

chatted
babbled
blabbed
chitchatted
gabbed
gibbered
gossiped
jabbered
prattled

commented
mentioned
noted
opined
remarked
stated

complained
bemoaned
bewailed
fretted
fussed
griped
groaned
grumbled
moaned
pouted
sniveled
whimpered
whined
yammered

cried
bawled
bemoaned
bewailed
blubbered
grieved
groaned
howled
lamented
moaned
mourned
sighed
sniffled
sniveled
sobbed
wailed
wept
whimpered
yammered
yowled

criticized
blasted
chastised
chided
disapproved
lambasted
nitpicked
reprimanded
zinged

declared
announced
asserted
broadcasted
confirmed
informed
proclaimed
professed

exaggerated
boasted
bragged
distorted
elaborated
embellished
enhanced
expanded
expounded
fabricated
inflated
romanticized
overstated

explained
clarified
described
detailed
illustrated
interpreted
paraphrased
summarized
translated

gasped
choked
gulped
heaved
panted
snorted
wheezed

imitated
aped
echoed
impersonated
mimicked
mocked
parodied
parroted

interrupted
blurted
inserted
interfered
interjected

intimidated
badgered
browbeat
bullied
coerced
harassed
hounded

"Said" Synonyms

intimidated *(cont'd)*
taunted
threatened

joked
bantered
jested
jived
joshed
kidded

laughed
cackled
chortled
chuckled
giggled
howled
roared
snickered
sniggered
snorted

nagged
badgered
hounded
needled
pestered
prodded

observed
detected
discerned
discovered
noted
noticed
perceived

ordered
charged
commanded
decreed
demanded
directed
instructed

persuaded
cajoled
coaxed
convinced
exhorted
insisted
urged
wheedled
wooed

predicted
conjectured
forecasted
foretold
guessed
inferred
presumed
prognosticated
prophesied
speculated
supposed
surmised

promised
agreed
assured
ensured
guaranteed
pledged
swore
vowed

raged
boiled
bristled
foamed
fumed
ranted
raved
spit
stormed

rejoiced
celebrated
cheered
exulted
hooted
jubilated
reveled

remembered
brooded
recalled
recollected
reflected
reminisced

retold
narrated
quoted
recited
recounted
repeated

revealed
announced
confessed
confided
declared
disclosed
divulged
expressed
proclaimed
professed
uttered

sang
chanted
chirped
crooned
hummed
serenaded
trilled
twittered
warbled
yodeled

scolded
berated
chastened
chided
criticized
lectured
rebuked
reprimanded
reproached

screamed
bawled
bellowed
blared
blurted
cried
exclaimed
hollered
roared
shouted
shrieked
shrilled
squealed
wailed
yelled
yowled

stuttered
faltered
hesitated
sputtered
stammered
stumbled
trembled

suggested
advised
hinted
implied
inferred
insinuated
intimated
offered
proposed
recommended

tattled
blabbed
blurted
gossiped
leaked
rumored
snitched
spilled
squeaked

teased
bugged
harassed
mocked
needled
pestered
razzed
ribbed
roasted
taunted

warned
admonished
advised
alerted
cautioned
exhorted
forewarned

whispered
breathed
buzzed
hissed
mumbled
murmured
muttered